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On 17 June 1992, the Security Council adopted the text of the statement by the President of the Council on the demarcation of the Iraq-Kuwait boundary, issued as document S/24113.

On that same occasion, I made the following statement:

"In abstaining in the vote on resolution 687 (1991), the delegation of Ecuador expressed its belief that Article 36 of the Charter did not give the Security Council the authority under Chapter VII to pronounce on the territorial limits between Iraq and Kuwait or to stipulate arrangements demarcating the boundary in question.

With regard to the means of implementing the Council's resolutions, Ecuador believes that the Council cannot be given greater powers than those laid down in the Charter of the United Nations itself and that the means in question must be in full conformity with the norms of international law.

I also wish to recall that in their statements on the subject many members of the Security Council, expressing the general view, indicated that the relevant paragraphs of resolution 687 (1991) did not constitute a precedent that could be invoked subsequently.

While reaffirming all the views it expressed when it abstained in the vote on resolution 687 (1991), Ecuador, in keeping with Article 25 of the Charter, does not wish to obstruct in any way action agreed upon by the Council in implementation of that resolution."

I should be grateful if you would also have this letter issued as an official document of the Security Council.

(Signed) José AYALA LASSO
Ambassador
Permanent Representative